

#614 Salem Rebellion, Salem Witchcraft – Continuing with more Doubles of (1) the Mathers’ Boston Rebellion of 1688-1689 and (2) the American Boston Rebellion of 1775-1776, part 2, Two Old North Churches

Anyone who studies in any kind of detail the “one if by land, two if by sea” Old North Church that is prominent in the story of the beginning of America’s Revolutionary War becomes acquainted with the initial confusing fact that there are *two* Old North Churches in Boston’s history.



Cotton Mather

1 The Congregational Old North Church in Boston, or the “Church of the Mathers”

– The initial Old North Church in Boston was *not* the Old North Church of Paul Revere fame. Instead, what was called the Second Church, or North Church, and often referred to later as the Old North Church, was the “Church of the (Puritan) Mathers.” The specific religious affiliation was that of the Congregational Church. The *Congregational* Old North Church was founded across the street from what is now known as Paul Revere’s house. John Mayo was installed as the first minister in 1655 and (according to the Mayo Family Page online at

<http://www.murrah.com/gen/mayo.htm>) continued until 1673 when due to old age he was replaced by his close associate Increase Mather, who had begun his preaching there in the winter of 1661-1662, and was ordained on May 27, 1664. Later, in 1681, Cotton Mather was elected assistant pastor in his father’s Old North Church and was ordained as his father’s colleague in 1685. When his father departed to England as an agent for the colony in 1688 as a leader of the opposition to Edmund Andros, Cotton Mather was left in charge of the largest congregation in New England. Both Increase and Cotton Mather would minister to the church for the rest of their lives.

The Old North Church of the Mathers was dismantled by British soldiers and used for firewood during the British occupation.



Old North Church in Boston

2 The Anglican (Church of England) Old North Church in Boston

– The Old North Church of Paul Revere fame is officially called Christ Church of the City of Boston (*right*). Constructed of brick, it was built in 1723 as an *Anglican* (Church of England) church, and has always been a part of the Anglican/Episcopal Church since its establishment.



Here is #614–Doc 1, which is about **Paul Revere and the *Anglican* Old North Church** in Boston’s Historic District.

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Key Understanding: *Two Old North Churches*. The Lord ordained *two* Old North Churches in Boston’s history, one particularly associated with the Mathers and one particularly associated with the Revolutionary War, to further confirm the doubles of (1) the Mathers’ Boston Rebellion of 1688-1689 and (2) the American Boston Rebellion of 1775-1776.

1 Samuel 15:23 (KJV) FOR [1688-1692 Mather] REBELLION [in conjunction with the Glorious Revolution/English Bill of Rights of 1688-1689] IS AS THE SIN OF [1688-1692 Boston-Salem] WITCHCRAFT, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

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